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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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1 ~~The present invention provides a~~ magneto-optical recording medium has a first magnetic layer which is an in-plane magnetization film at both room temperature and high temperatures and changed to a perpendicular magnetization film at intermediate temperatures, and a second magnetic layer which is composed of a perpendicular magnetization film. The recording medium enables realization of high S/N reproduction of information recorded at a pitch below the diffraction limit of light with a simple structure, and further improvement in linear recording density and track density.